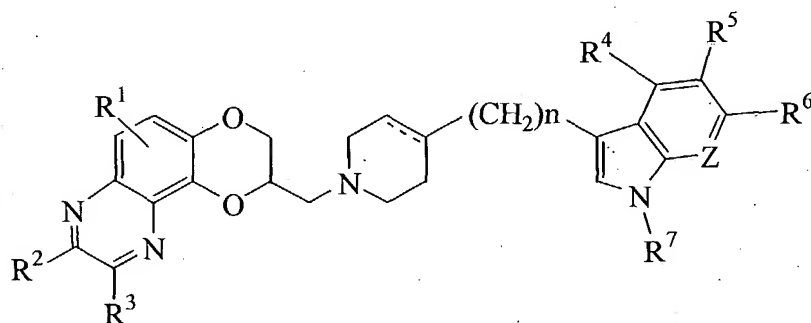


CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

- 5 (1) A method of treating a subject suffering from a condition selected from the group consisting of obesity, eating disorders, vasomotor flushing, cocaine and alcohol addiction, and sexual dysfunction, which comprises providing to the subject suffering from said condition, a therapeutically effective amount of a compound of formula I

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I

wherein

- 15 R¹, R⁴, R⁵, R⁶ and R⁸ are, independently, hydrogen, hydroxy, halo, cyano, carboxamido, carboalkoxy of two to six carbon atoms, trifluoromethyl, alkyl of 1 to 6 carbon atoms, alkoxy of 1 to 6 carbon atoms, alkanoyloxy of 2 to 6 carbon atoms, amino, mono- or di-alkylamino in which each alkyl group has 1 to 6 carbon atoms, alkanamido of 2 to 6 carbon atoms, or alkanesulfonamido of 1 to 6 carbon atoms;

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R² and R³ are, independently, hydrogen, alkyl of 1 to 6 carbon atoms, halogen, hydroxy, cyano or amino;

R⁷ is hydrogen or alkyl of 1 to 6 carbon atoms;

the dotted line represents an optional double bond;

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Z is CR⁸ or N; and

n is an integer 0, 1 or 2;

or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.